

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (previously presented): A surface illuminant comprising a light source, a light guide plate having opposed sides and being optically coupled to said light source for emitting light incident from said light source through one opposed side thereof, said light guide plate being formed with convexes and concaves having different densities or sizes depending upon the distance from the light source on one side thereof, and a reflective film which is disposed on the other opposed side of said light guide plate, wherein said reflective film comprises a light storage material incorporated in the reflective film.
3. (previously presented): A surface illuminant comprising a light source, a light guide plate having opposed sides and being optically coupled to said light source for emitting light incident from said light source through one opposed side thereof, said light guide plate being formed with convexes and concaves having different densities or sizes depending upon the distance from the light source on one side thereof, and a reflective film which is disposed on the other opposed side of said light guide plate, wherein said light guide plate is made of a transparent material in which a light storage material is blended.
4. (currently amended): A surface illuminant comprising a light source, a light guide plate having opposed sides and being optically coupled to said light source for emitting light incident from said light source through one opposed side thereof, said light guide plate being formed with convexes and concaves having different densities or sizes depending upon the distance from the light source on one side thereof, and a reflective film which is disposed on the other opposed side of said light guide plate, wherein a light storage film is formed on the surface of at least one of said opposed sides of said light guide plate.

5. (original): A surface illuminant as set forth in Claim 4,

wherein the concentration of the light storage material in said light storage layer is increased from its one end adjacent to the light source to the other end thereof.

6. (currently amended): A surface illuminant comprising a light source, a light guide plate having opposed sides which is optically coupled to said light source for emitting light incident from said light source through one opposed side thereof, and a reflective film which is disposed on the other opposed side of said light guide plate, wherein a light storage film is formed on the surface of at least one of said opposed sides of said light guide plate, and wherein the concentration of the light storage material in said light storage layer is increased from its one end adjacent to the light source to the other end thereof.